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* 1296 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I do not put the question."

Orders prohibiting Government Pleaders and Public Prosecutors from participating in political activities.

* 1297 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have passed any orders to the effect that Government Pleaders and Public Prosecutors should not take part in political meetings ; and

(*b*) if so, when?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Orders prohibiting Government Pleaders and Public Prosecutors from participating in political activities were issued in 1949."

Treatment given to Government Press employees in the Government T.B. Institute, Egmore, Madras, on the recommendation of the X-ray Unit.

* 1298 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of times the X-ray Unit was brought to the Government Press, Madras, in 1953 ; and

(*b*) how many persons were sent for treatment on the recommendation of this Unit?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The X-ray Unit was brought to the Government Press, Madras, eleven times during 1953."

" (*b*) Twenty-two persons who were suspected to have tuberculosis were sent for further examination and treatment to the Government Tuberculosis Institute, Egmore, Madras."

Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state from his experience whether lead poisoning is a cause of tuberculosis? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is not asking for the policy of the Government, but only the personal experience of the Minister."

Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I do not mind, Sir, which Hon. Minister answers the question. I am asking for information. My hon. Friend, Sri Vinayakam, remarked, from what statistics I do not know, perhaps from statistics he culled from some literature, that lead poisoning was the cause of tuberculosis. That is a serious allegation, rather a new discovery. (Laughter.) Will one of the Hon. Ministers be pleased to give his personal opinion on that? "